128 East Twelfth St.,

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My Dear Garrison,

82 I trust you are now in regular receipt of the Daily Tribune. Through forgetfulness I suffered two days in December to go by before entering your name as a subscriber; but I remembered it before receiving your second letter, and I have since paid over the $10 received from you.

The annual meeting of the American Woman Suffrage Association appears to have been a success. I am especially gratified that it did not commit itself to the Woodhull doctrine of the Constitution. I think your protest and mine against the effort to turn the movement into that channel has done good. I shall be disappointed if Mrs. Woodhull and her followers have any marked success in Washington this winter. The Senators

and Representatives in Congress who ought to be
in any degree friendly to our movement ought
in some way to be apprised that Mrs. W. is
not the authorized representative of the
cause, but a "bushwhacker", fighting "on her
own hook," and for personal notoriety. I
have hoped that the Convention, on Friday
and Saturday last, of our Society, would
have the effect of opening the eyes of Con-
gressmen to the true state of things, and
encouraging them to give Mrs. Woodhull
the "cold shoulder," as they might do with entire
impunity; but I have heard nothing of that
Convention, and therefore fear that it was
a failure. It seems strange that the papers
of yesterday and to-day (Sunday) make no
mention of such a Convention. It is a pity that
so many members of our Society have inconsid-
erately (as I presume) given countenance to the
Woodhull doctrine; and especially is it to be
lamented that the Woman's Journal has

almost, if not quite, committed itself to that side. It seems to me that those friends of the cause who reject that doctrine ought to make themselves heard and felt in Washington this winter. If there is no better way, they might unite in a memorial, disclaiming all sympathy with the Woodhull doctrine as false and delusive, and imploring Congress to grant suffrage to women in the District of Columbia and the Territories, and to take the preliminary steps toward a Sixteenth Amendment. A memorial, carefully drawn, and setting the case in a clear light, and bearing the signatures of eminent friends of our cause in the different States, would arrest public attention and serve to counteract the Woodhull movement.

I am sorry to hear that you have been ill. I, too, have been having a setback by repeated and persistent attacks of my old enemy, the asthma. But I am now

better, and hope not to have a return of the disease for some time at least.

Mary Anne unites with me in love to you and all your family.

Ever truly and faithfully yours,

Oliver Johnson.